

Press Release

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On: NOVEMBER EGG PRODUCTION

UP 2 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . November egg production in Texas totaled 401 million eggs, up 2 percent from November 2003, but down 2 percent from October 2004, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service.

The number of layers during November averaged 18.6 million, up 1 percent from last year and up slightly from October 2004. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,156 eggs, up 1 percent from last year but down 3 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks totaled 50.6 million, 3 percent above last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.46 billion eggs during November 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production included 6.42 billion table eggs, 980 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 59 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 343 million during November 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Production per 100 layers averaged 2,170 eggs, up slightly from the 2,166 eggs in November 2003.

Laying flocks in the thirty major egg producing states produced 6.98 billion eggs during November. The number of layers during November 2004 averaged 321 million.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 38.4 million, up 27 percent from November 2003. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 731 million, was up 3 percent from November of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.01 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during November 2004, up 1 percent from November 2003.